

Women's Rights in Saudi Arabia

Women in Saudi Arabia are the underdogs compared to men.

Opportunities

- Jobs at national newspaper
- Out of 20 journalists, 17 are women and only 3 are men
- First woman Editor in Chief, Somayya Jabarti
- Education (college, higher education than men)
- 70% of bank accounts are owned by women



Somayya Jabarti-first women Editor-In-Chief at National Newspaper



Man Supervision/Guardianship

Women in Saudi Arabia need men's approval to:

- Apply for a bank account
- Get a divorce or marriage
- Travel if under the age of 45
- Men often hit their wives

Driving

For many years now, women have been trying to get equal rights on driving.

If a woman is seen driving, she can be sent to jail, and her male guardian must sign a contract forbidding her from driving again. Many women are ignoring the rule and drive around town. Some women drive to around police stations to purposely get caught. Mai Swayan drove to the market and back--

"I'm so proud of myself right now,"- Mai Swayan,



Although women in Saudi Arabia have been persistent in their fighting for equality and rights, there has been a slow process in changing the laws because women in Saudi Arabia are still perceived as the less important gender, despite their contributions to the nation.

Unfortunately, women are not receiving the equal rights deserved, as they continue to fight for equality in Saudi Arabia.

I have tweeted the question below, and would love to hear the different responses.

Considering the slow change in rights for women in Saudi Arabia, do you think their hopefulness and determination for equality will die down? Or do you think it will continue to grow and strengthen as they wait in anticipation?